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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support of the recent settlement between the federal government and Microsoft. It is with sincere hope that there will be no further litigation at the federal level.

Taking into account the terms of the agreement, Microsoft did not get off with a slap on the wrist. In fact, Microsoft is left to make several significant changes to the ways that they now handle business. For example, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers, and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. The mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers will have the freedom to choose to change their configuration at any time.

With the many terms of the agreement, it is time to put this case to rest. The settlement offers a strong resolution to this suit, and I look forward to seeing the settlement implemented.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Davis

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